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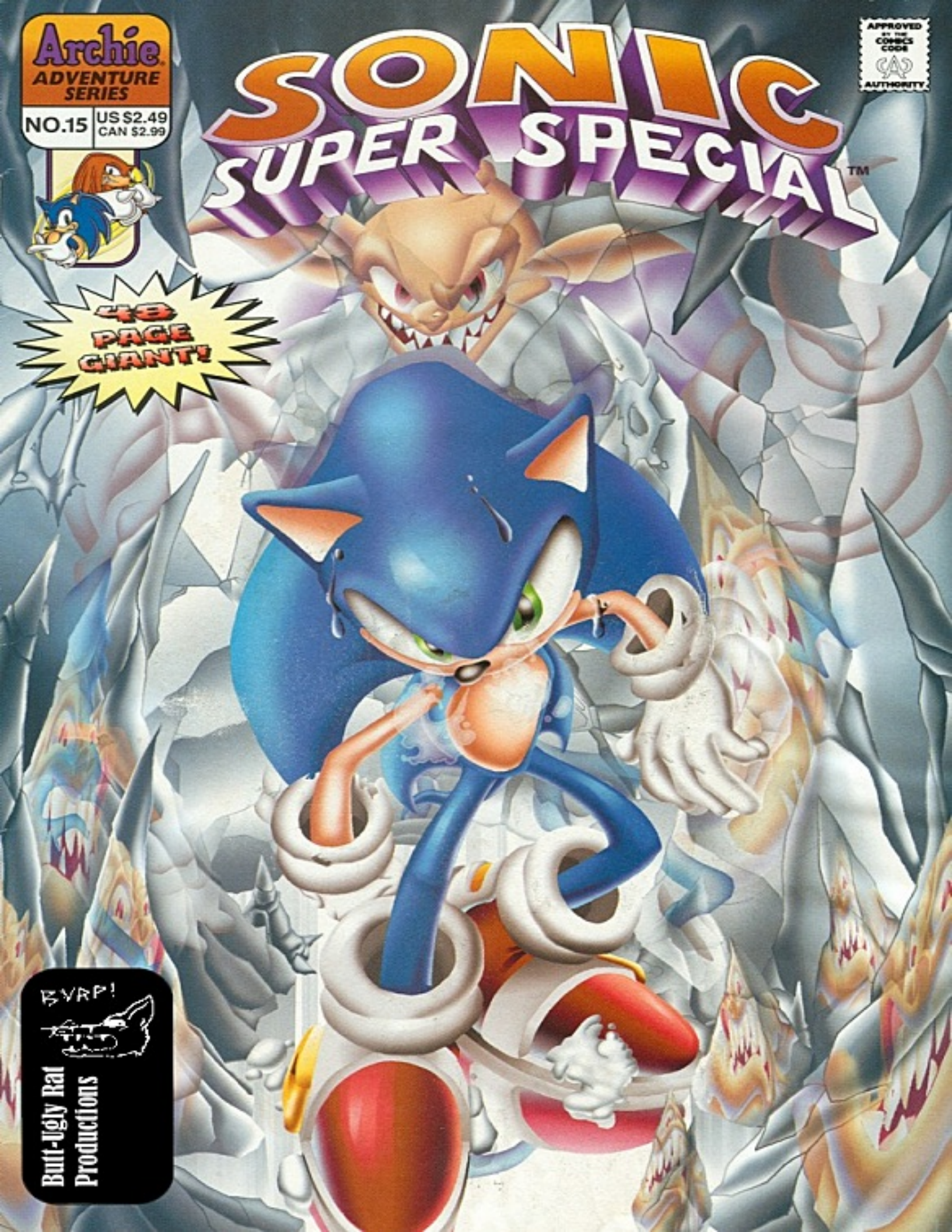
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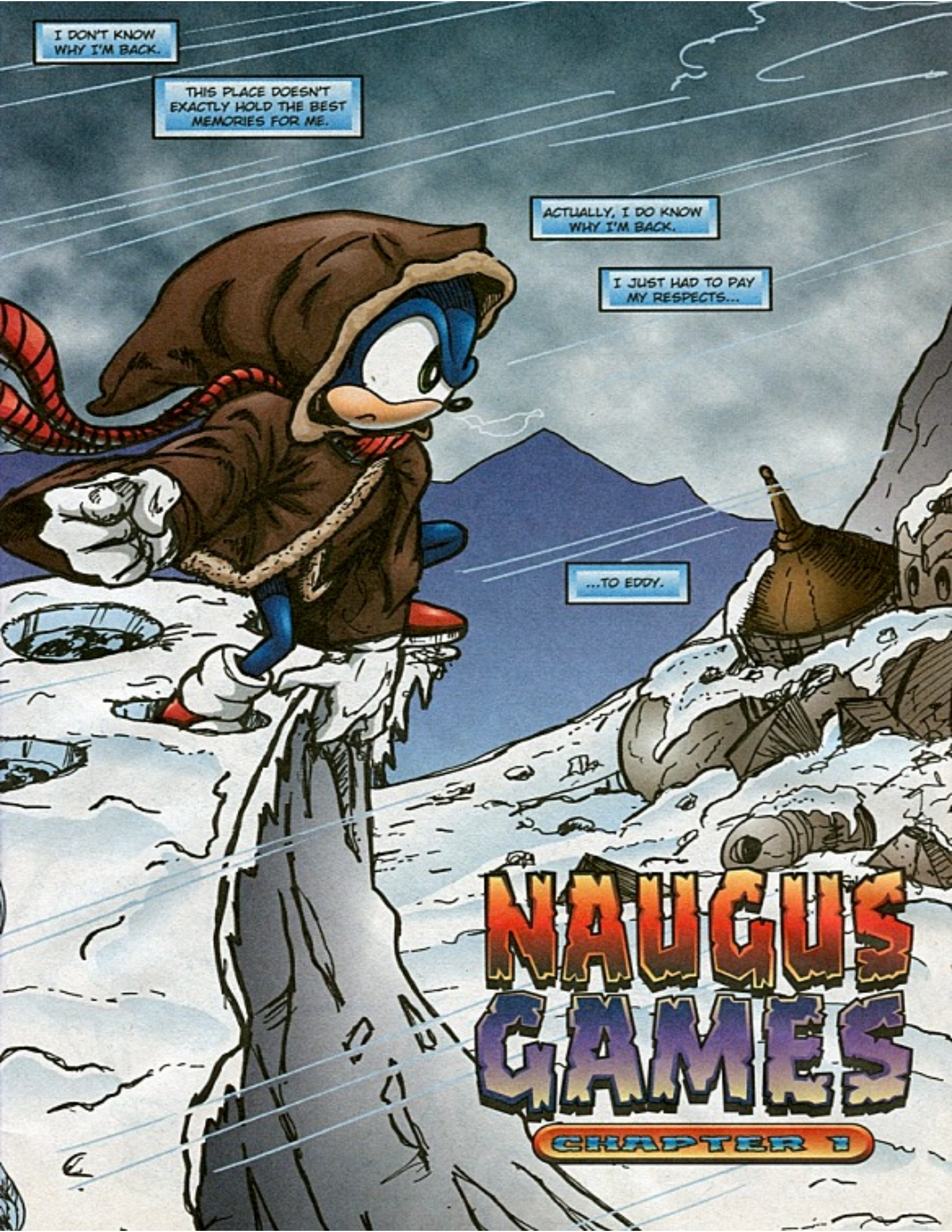
After ten long years,
the iron-fisted rule of
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
over planet **MOBIUS**
was believed to
have finally ended!

With the
technological
tyrant vanquished
and his polluted
factories shut
down, order
and beauty were
restored to the city
of **MOBOTROPOLIS**.
Now the villain has
returned to wreak
havoc once more,
but there are many
who are willing to
stand against
him in the fight
for freedom.

The bravest
among them is a
brash, blue streak
who just happens to
be the fastest thing
alive! **ARCHIE**

COMICS

**AND SEGA
PRESENT...
SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!**

A comic book illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog standing on a snowy, rocky mountain peak. He is wearing a brown winter parka with a fur-lined hood, a red scarf, and white gloves. He is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The background shows a vast, snowy landscape with distant mountains and a small, rustic wooden cabin on a hill to the right. The sky is overcast with light rain or snow falling. Several speech bubbles contain text.

I DON'T KNOW
WHY I'M BACK.

THIS PLACE DOESN'T
EXACTLY HOLD THE BEST
MEMORIES FOR ME.


ACTUALLY, I DO KNOW
WHY I'M BACK.

I JUST HAD TO PAY
MY RESPECTS...

...TO EDDY.

NAUGUS GAMES

CHAPTER 1



WE CAME IN SEARCH
OF THAT UGLY WIZARD,
IXIS NAUGUS.

THAT BROUGHT US HERE TO THIS
CASTLE IN THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA,
WHERE AN OLD HERMIT, NATE MORGAN
AND HIS PROTECTOR, EDDY, LIVED.

OL' IXIS THOUGHT HE COULD
STEAL ALL OF NATE'S POWER
RING SUPPLY IN THE CASTLE.

WE USED THE RINGS TO TURN INTO
OUR SUPER SELVES TO FIGHT AN
ULTRA-POWERFUL IXIS. WE WORKED
TOGETHER TO BEAT HIM BACK
TO THE FORBIDDEN ZONE.

AND THEN EVERYTHING
CAVED IN AND EDDY...

AND EDDY...

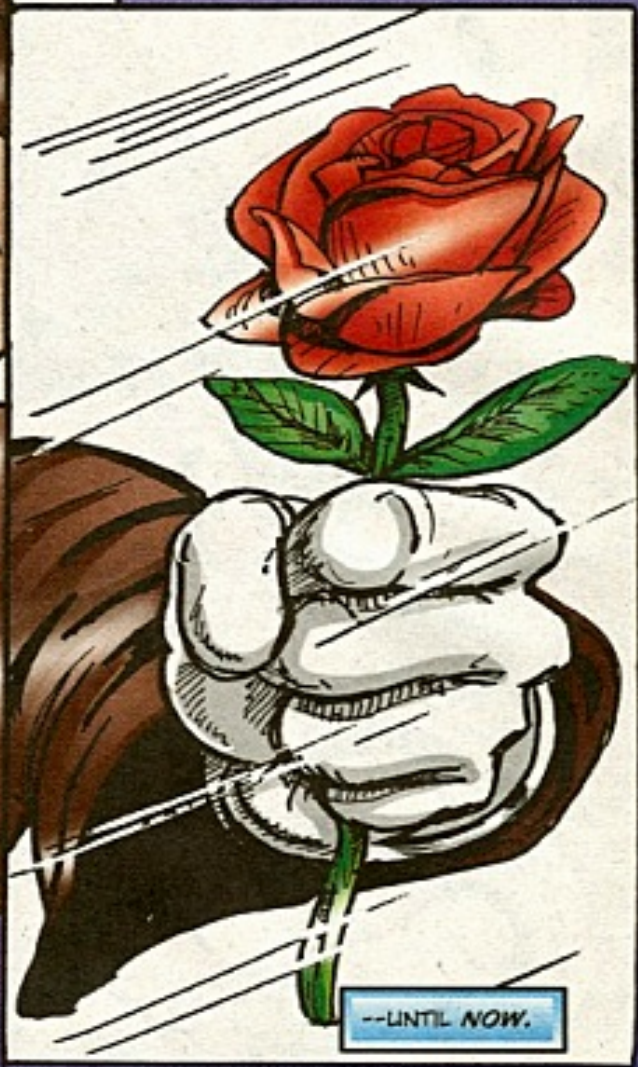


I BARELY KNEW HIM, BUT HE SAVED OUR LIVES. ALL THE TIMES THAT TAILS AND I EXPERIENCED SINCE WE LEFT THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA ARE BECAUSE OF HIM. BRINGING NATE BACK, THE RETURN OF QUEEN ACORN, PRINCE ELIAS, AND EVEN OL' RO-BUTT-NIK.


I GUESS I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO THANK HIM FOR IT.

SCOOOOCH!!


...OR EVEN PAY MY RESPECTS--



--UNTIL NOW.



...LUGGHH...

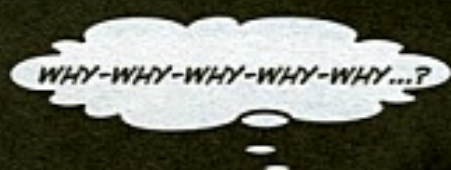


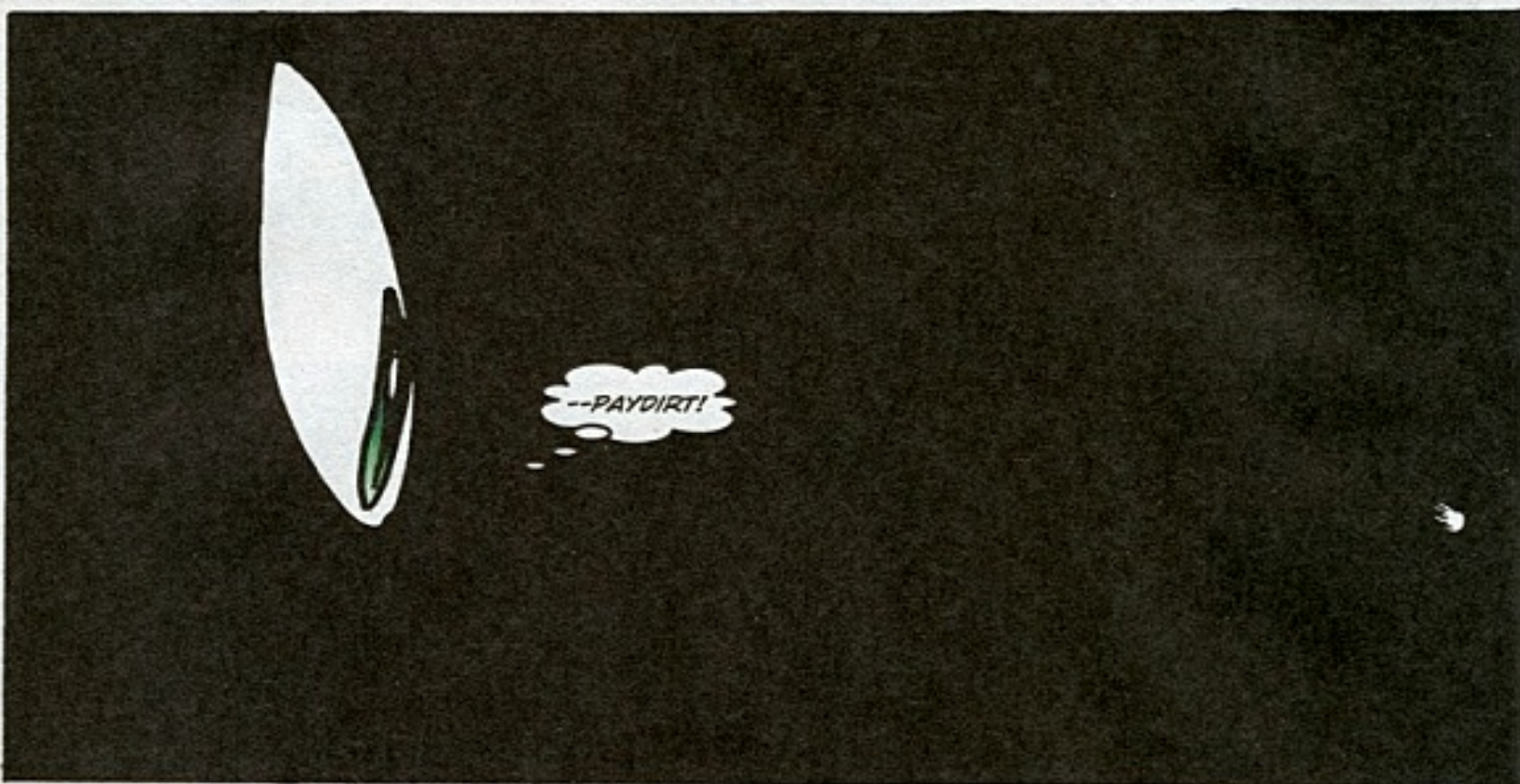
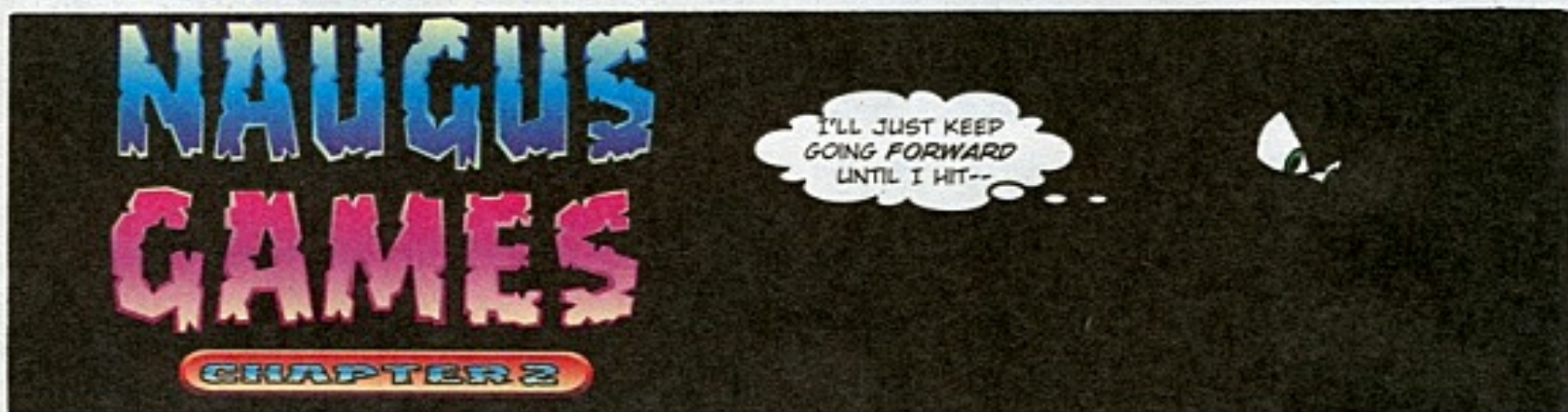
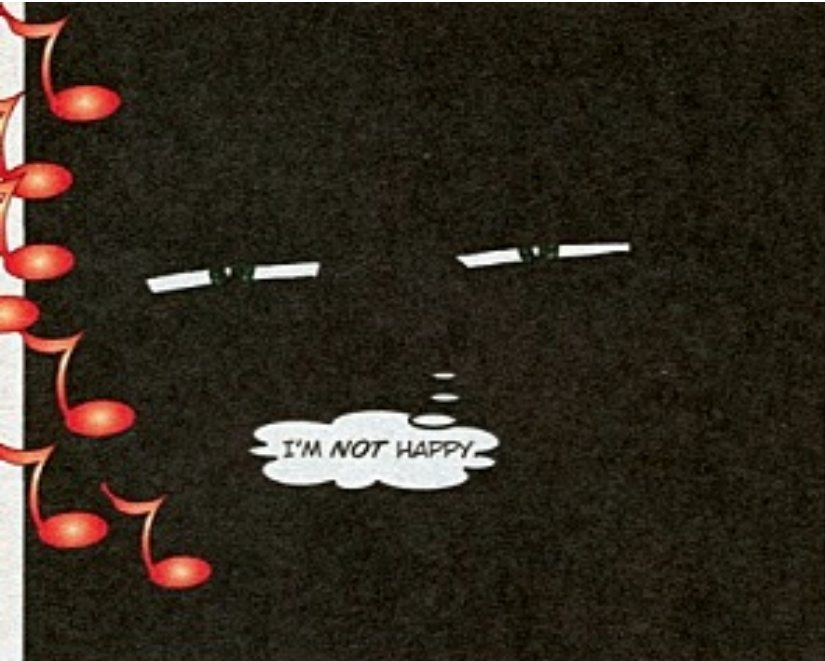
GREAT.
JUST GREAT.
LUCKILY, THE DEEP
CREVASSE BROKE
MY FALL.


NOW, HOW AM I
SUPPOSED TO GET
OUT OF HERE?




THUMP!









IT'S ANOTHER
OPENING... ONE
I CAN REACH.



BUT THAT LIGHT--
IT'S NOT
OUTDOOR LIGHT.

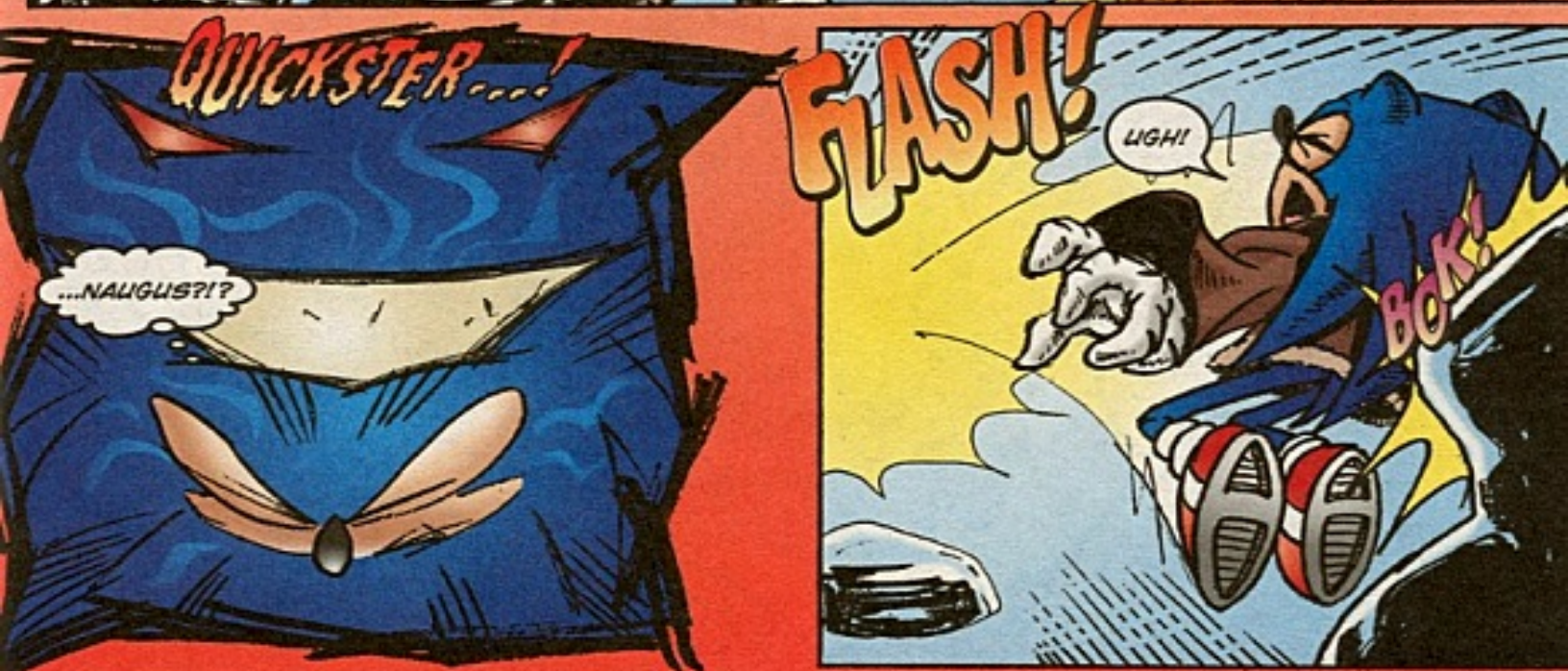
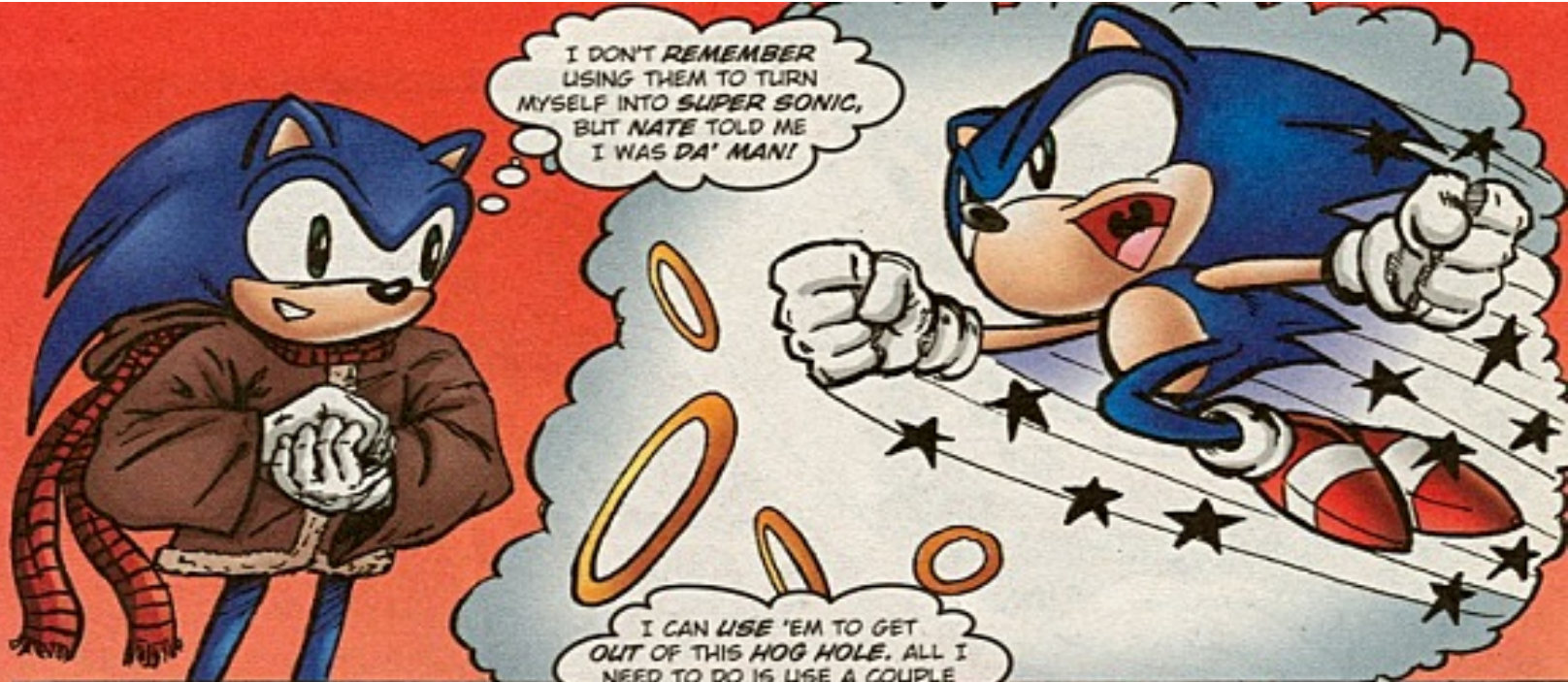


I LIGH... GREAT! IF YOU
THINK THIS LITTLE HOLE
IS GONNA STOP ME FROM
BEING ABLE TO GET TO
THE OTHER SIDE...



... YOU GOT ANOTHER
THING COMING!
ONE SONIC SPIN
COMING RIGHT UP!!








"DID I JUST WISH
FOR... NAUGUS!?"


THAT'S RIGHT,
QUICKSTER...





... YOU DID--OR
AT LEAST I TRICKED
YOU INTO DOING IT!

Noooooo!
IT CAN'T BE--



OH, BUT IT IS.
ALL NATE MORGAN DID WAS PULL
THE POWER RINGS OUT OF MY BODY
TO SEND ME BACK. HOWEVER, I STILL
HAD A MENTAL CONNECTION TO THEM.
AS SOON AS SOMEONE BEGAN
TO USE THEM, I WAS ABLE TO
TURN IT TO MY PURPOSES.

YOU MAY HAVE TRICKED MY
SPINY BUTT, UGLY, BUT I WILL
MAKE SURE YOU GO BACK
THE WAY YOU CAME.

REALLY? I'D LIKE TO
SEE THAT...ESPECIALLY
WHEN I CAN DO--

NAUGUS
GAMES

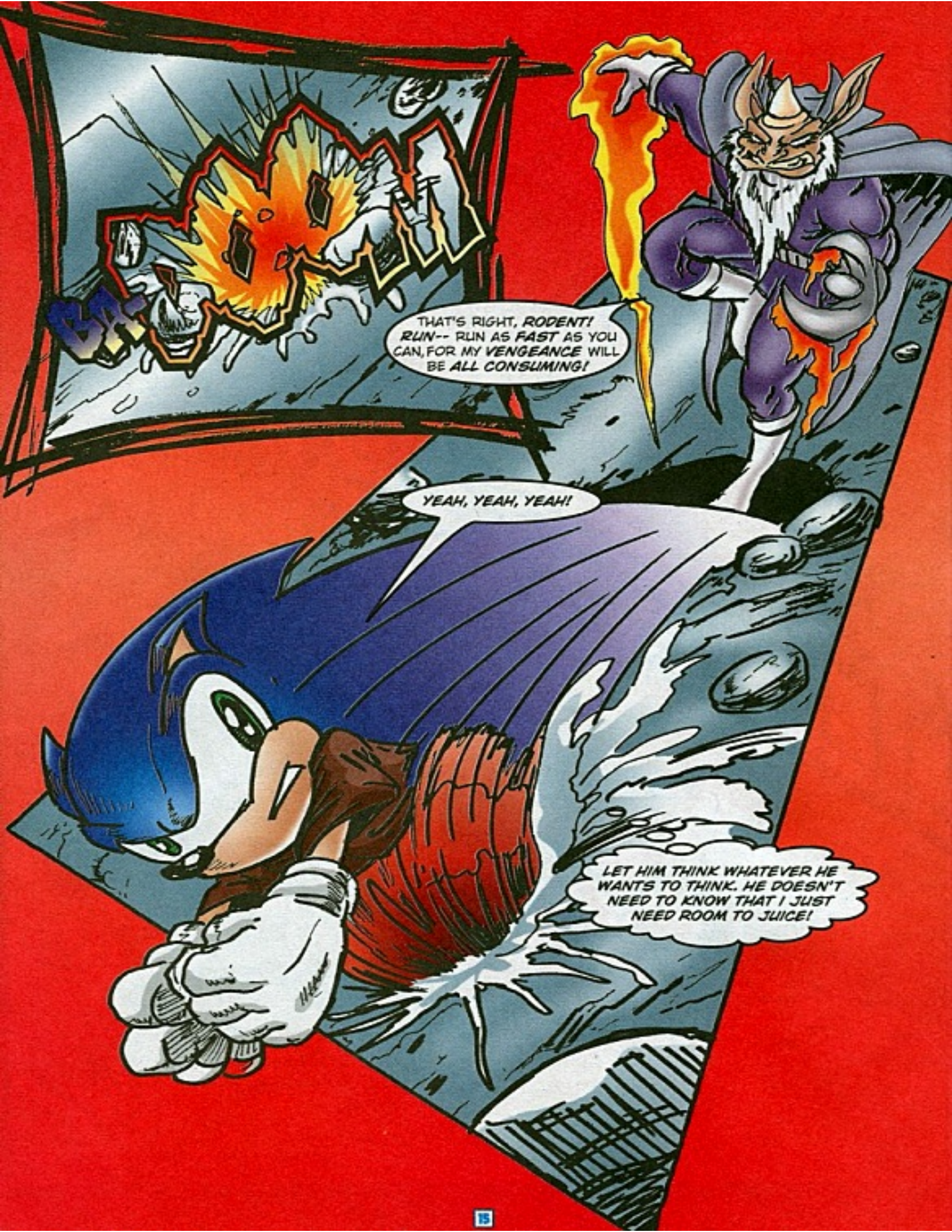
CHAPTER 3

--THIS!!



YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY ONE WITH
SUPER POWERS!

ZZZZTTTTIPPPPP!



THAT'S RIGHT, RODENT!
RUN-- RUN AS FAST AS YOU
CAN, FOR MY VENGEANCE WILL
BE ALL CONSUMING!

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH!

LET HIM THINK WHATEVER HE
WANTS TO THINK. HE DOESN'T
NEED TO KNOW THAT I JUST
NEED ROOM TO JUICE!

YOU MOCK ME AT
YOUR PERIL!!!

YIKES!!!

ZZRAAAAASSSSHHH

HE ALMOST HAD ME
FRIED RIGHT THERE.

YOU MAY HAVE
AVOIDED MY BLASTS OF
FIRE AND BRIMSTONE--

--HOWEVER, I AM A
MASTER OF THE ELEMENTS!
NOW EXPERIENCE THE
OVERWHELMING POWER
OF A SNOWSTORM!

NO THANK YOU.
I CAN DO WITHOUT
THE TRIAL RUN.




FWWWWOOSSSSHHHH!!!

HEY, NAUGY... CAN'T
WE TALK ABOUT THIS?

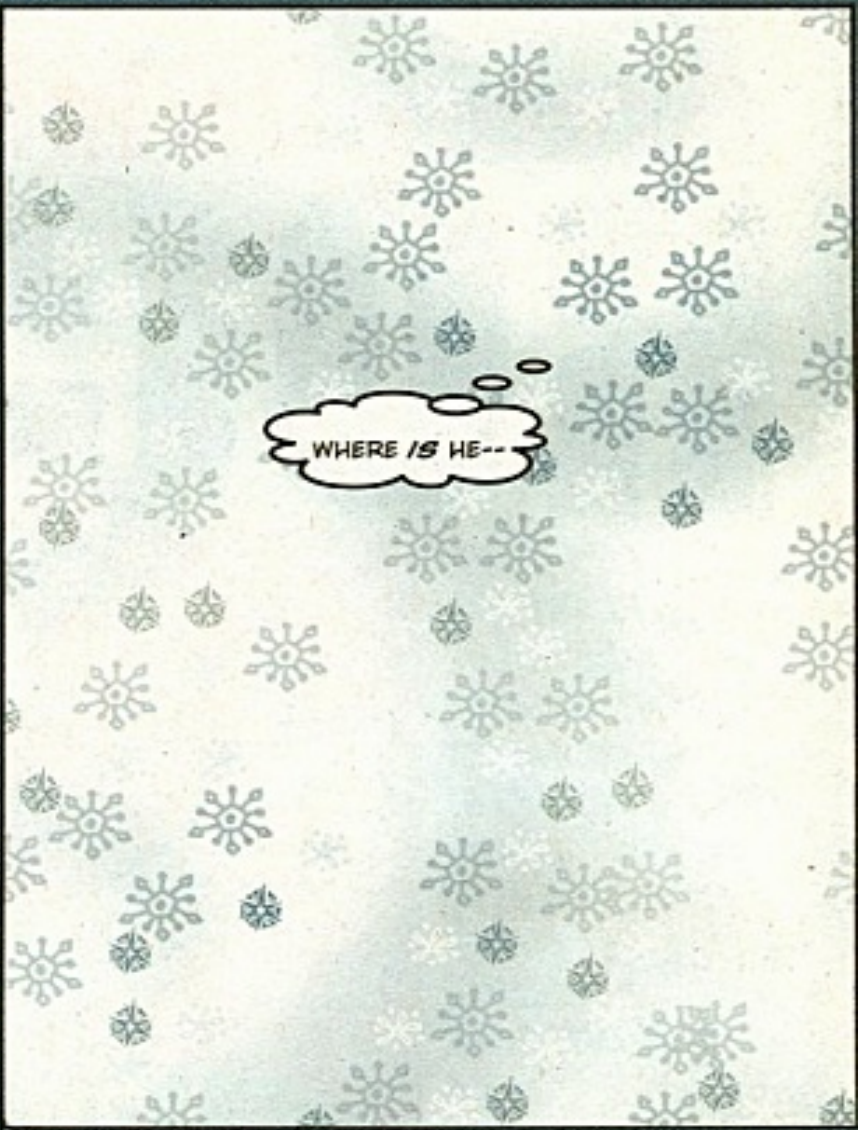


AT LEAST I WOULD IF
I COULD SEE YOUR
BIG UGLY MUG.


I WISH I WAS JOKING
ABOUT THAT, I REALLY CAN'T
SEE ANYTHING. I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S WORSE, THIS... OR
THE CAVE OF DOOM.



THE WIND IS
BLOWING SO HARD,
IT'S TOUGH TO
HEAR NAUGUS
APPROACHING.



WHERE IS HE--



WONDERING WHERE
I AM, SPEEDSTER?
RIGHT NEXT TO YOU.

WHAT?

KRAK

UGH

NAUGUS GAMES

CHAPTER 4

HE TAGGED ME. I CAN'T
BELIEVE HE TAGGED ME.
HE DIDN'T EVEN USE HIS
ABRA-CADABRA STUFF ON
ME TO SHOW ME HOW
EASY HE CAN BEAT ME.

BUT THE HEDGEHOG
DON'T BEAT THAT EASY.
EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T SEE
AN INCH IN FRONT OF MY
FACE...I'M GONNA REV
ALL OVER THE PLACE.

TRYING TO RUN AWAY,
HEDGEHOG? THERE'S
NO USE. THIS STORM
WILL FOLLOW YOU
EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

ZZZZrrrackk!!

THAT'S OKAY, NAUGY. AS LONG
AS I'M RUNNING, I'M HARD TO HIT.
C'MON, YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D BE
THAT EASY TO BEAT, DID YOU?

ALL RIGHT.
NOW WHAT?!!?
I CAN'T BE RUNNING
AROUND IN THIS
BLIZZARD ALL DAY.

EVENTUALLY, I'LL TIRE
OUT AND THEN NAUGUS
WILL BE ALL OVER ME.

ACTUALLY, RODENT,
YOU ARE MAKING THIS
EXERCISE OF FUTILITY
QUITE ENTERTAINING.

WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO DO,
BEAT ME WITH YOUR
EXTRAVAGANT
VOCABULARY?

I'VE BEEN AROUND
ROTOR, WHO MAKES
YOU SOUND LIKE A
THIRD GRADER.

**STILL YOUR
TONGUE!**

HA-THURASSSHHHH!!!

MISSED ME!
NYAH, NYAH,
NYAH, NYAH!

OBVIOUSLY, I JUST
STRUCK A NERVE. THE
DUMB JOKES GET TO
HIM. ALL RIGHT, LET'S
BRING IT ON.

NAUGY... THIS WHOLE
SNOWSTORM IDEA, DID YOU
THINK ABOUT IT ALL BY
YOURSELF? OR WERE YOU
PLANNING THIS SINCE YOU
WERE SENT BACK TO THE
FORBIDDEN ZONE?

NO, IT IS YOU WHO
LACK WIT! WAS IT NOT
MY STRONG MIND THAT
TOUCHED YOU FROM
ANOTHER DIMENSION?

WAS IT NOT MY MIND
THAT FORCED YOU TO USE
THAT POWER RING TO
SET ME FREE?

POWER
RING--?

YOU MEAN LIKE
THIS ONE.

YOU SHOULD'VE USED
THAT GREAT MIND OF
YOURS TO KEEP ME FROM
PUTTING THIS GOLDEN
BEAUTY IN MY POCKET!





NO LONG WISHES,
NO MUMBO JUMBO.
JUST GO BACK--NOW!!!



NO!


Nooooo!

THIS SHALL
NOT BE THE
LAST TIME!!





MARK MY WORDS,
SPEEDSTER!!!
WE WILL MEET AGAIN...
WE WILL MEET AGAIN...



DO YOU HEAR
ME SONIC?!?
DO YOU HEAR--

YEAH, YEAH, YEAH...
AND THE HOG
WINS AGAIN.

I WASN'T GOING
TO GIVE UP AFTER
THE TROUBLE WE WENT
THROUGH TO SEND
YOU BACK TO THE
FORBIDDEN ZONE.

OF COURSE, I DON'T HAVE
ANY MORE RINGS, AND I AM NOT
GOING BACK TO THAT HOLE
TO GET ANOTHER ONE.





AH, WHO CARES?

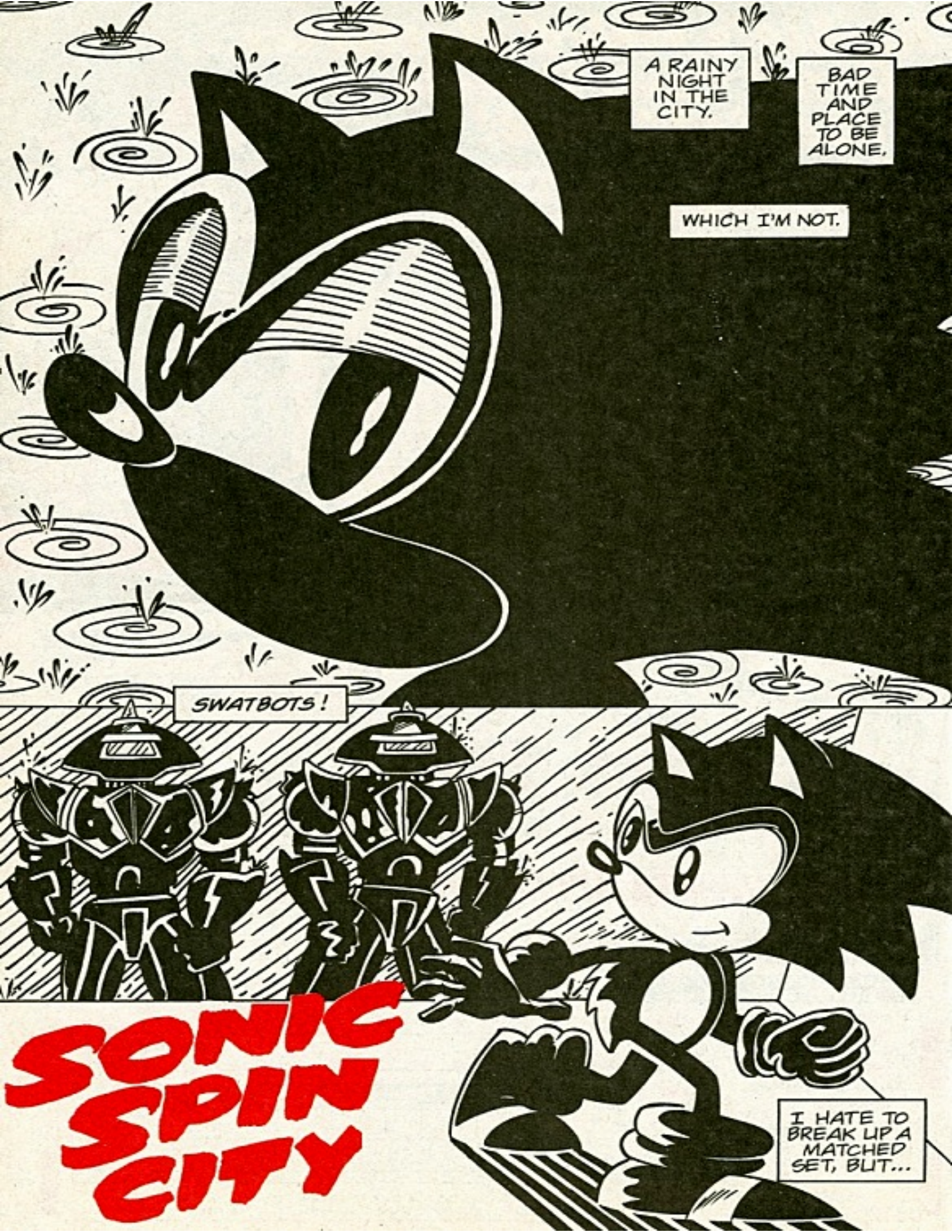
I DIDN'T
COME HERE TO
GET RINGS.

I CAME HERE TO
PAY MY RESPECTS
TO EDDY.

I JUST HOPE THAT HE KNOWS,
WHEREVER HE IS, THAT HIS
SACRIFICE WASN'T IN VAIN.

THANKS,
EDDY.

END.



A RAINY
NIGHT
IN THE
CITY.

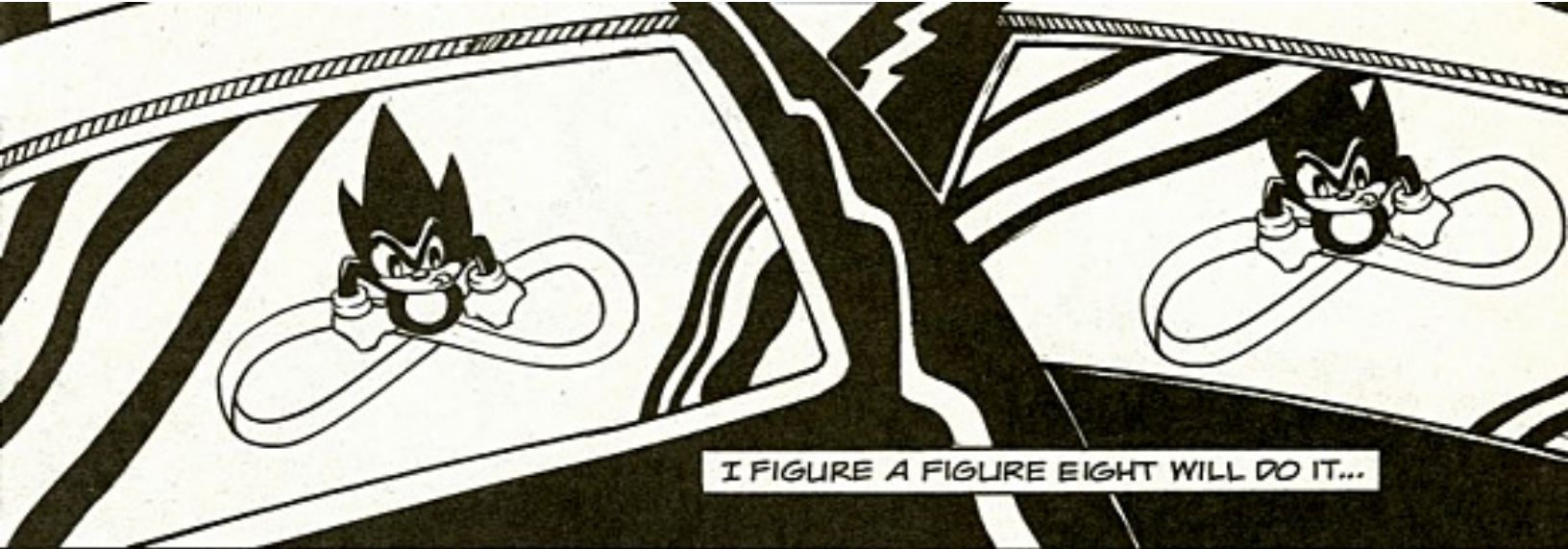
BAD
TIME
AND
PLACE
TO BE
ALONE.

WHICH I'M NOT.

SWATBOTS!

**SONIC
SPIN
CITY**

I HATE TO
BREAK UP A
MATCHED
SET, BUT...



I FIGURE A FIGURE EIGHT WILL DO IT...



RIGHT AS RAIN.

THEY SAY OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX...

I LIKE THE COMBINATION.



ONE OF THEM DROPPED A MATCHBOOK.

RUSTY'S... I
KNOW THE
DUMP...

NOT FAR
FROM HERE.

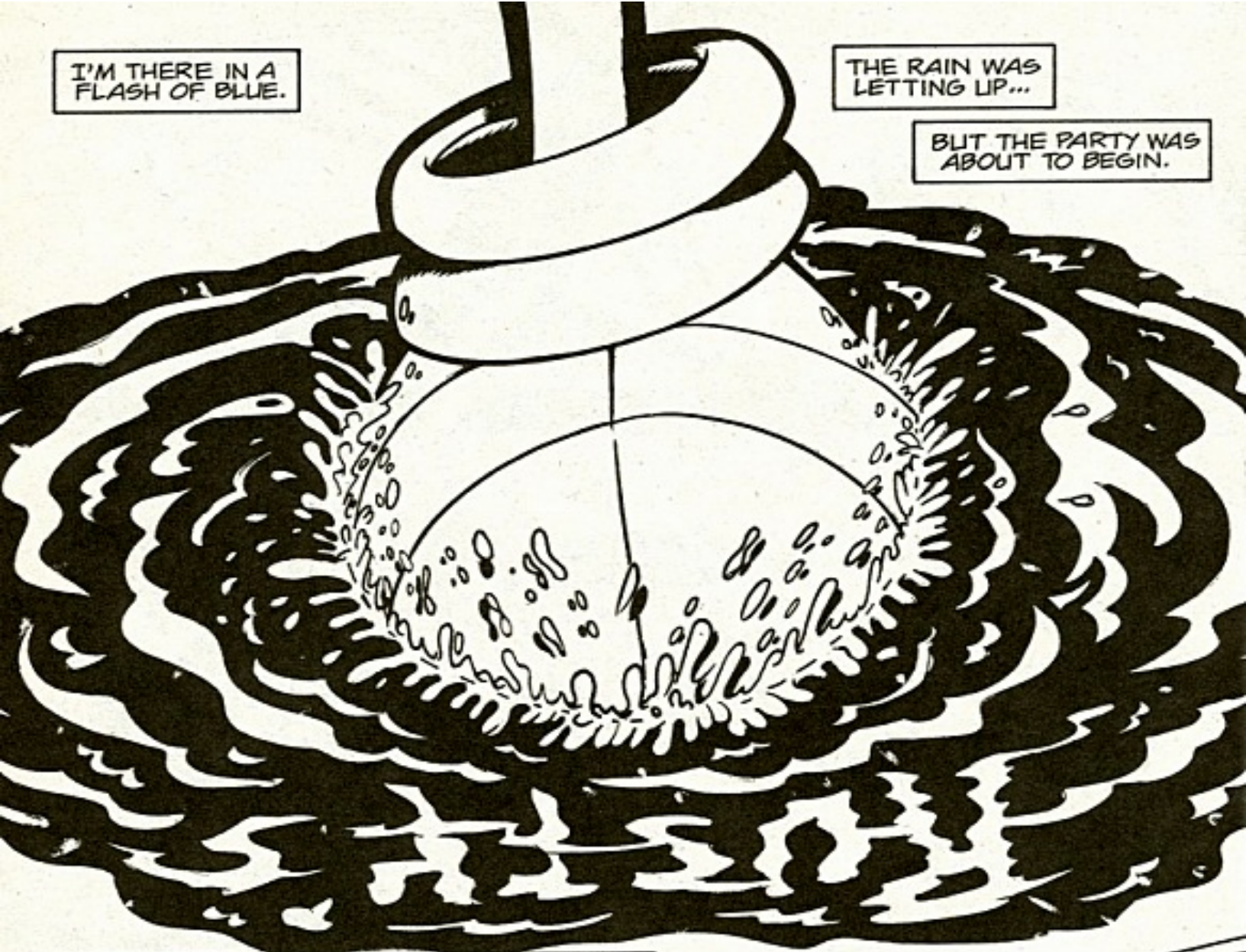
IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES THIS
SMELL LIKE A SET-UP?



I'M THERE IN A
FLASH OF BLUE.

THE RAIN WAS
LETTING UP...

BUT THE PARTY WAS
ABOUT TO BEGIN.



THIS PLACE IS A WHO'S WHO OF HAS-BEENS.

INCLUDING LOTS OF MY OLD
SPARRING PARTNERS.





I STROLL IN AND
ORDER A
CHILI DOG FLOAT.

AS SOON AS I
SIT DOWN, I'M
SURROUNDED,

THAT'S WHEN THE
LIGHTS GO OUT.

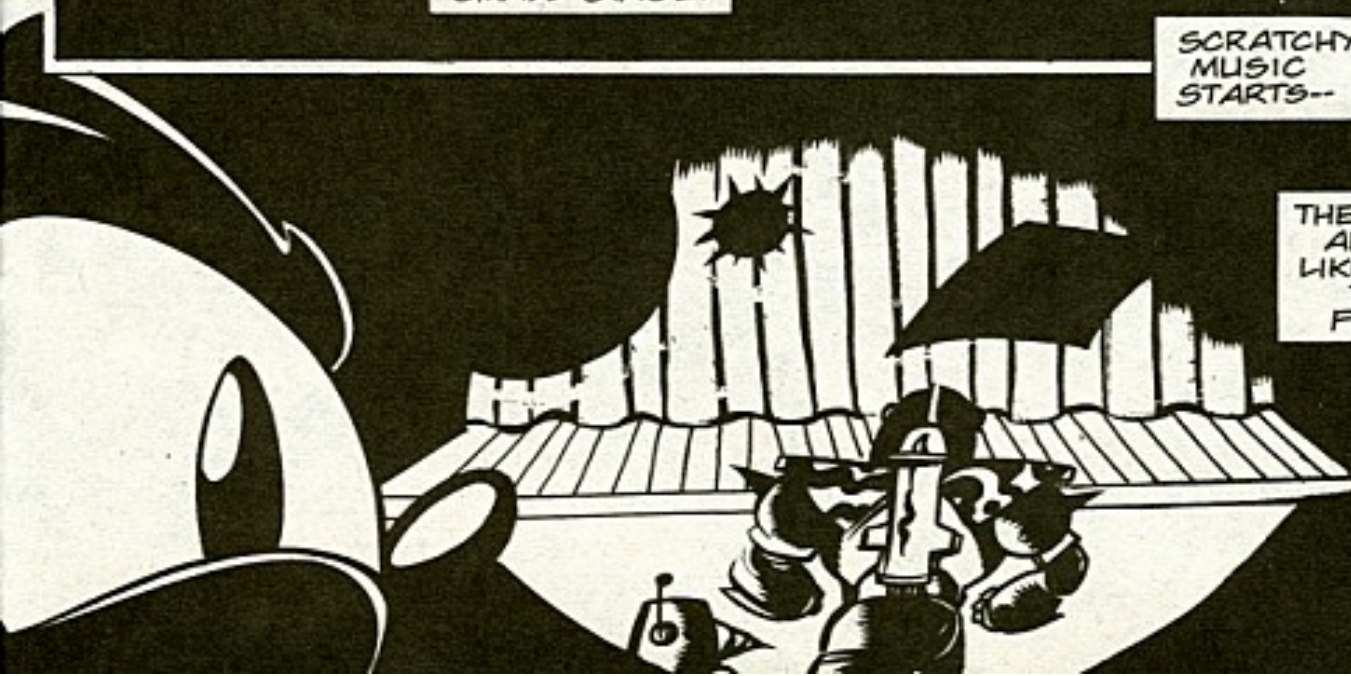


A SPOTLIGHT PIERCES
THE DARKNESS...

LIGHTING UP A
SMALL STAGE.

SCRATCHY
MUSIC
STARTS--

THEY TURN
AND GO
LIKE MOTHS
TO A
FLAME.

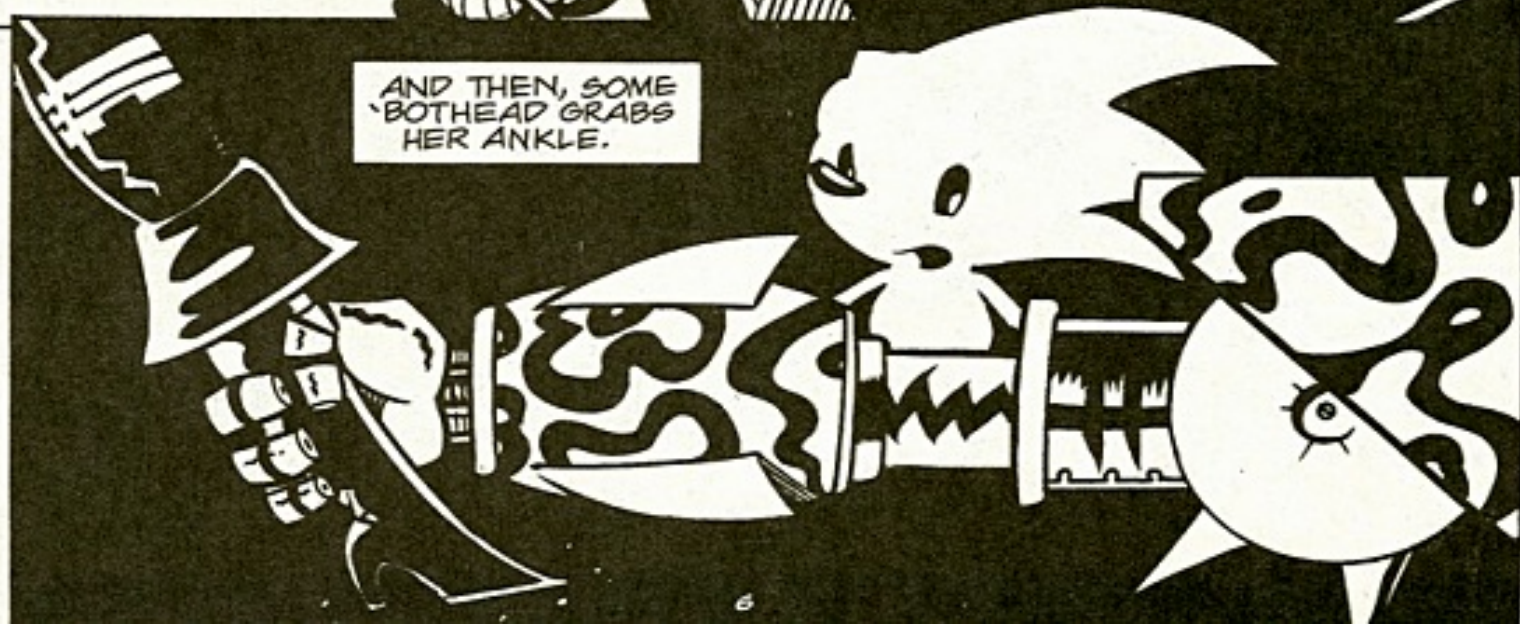
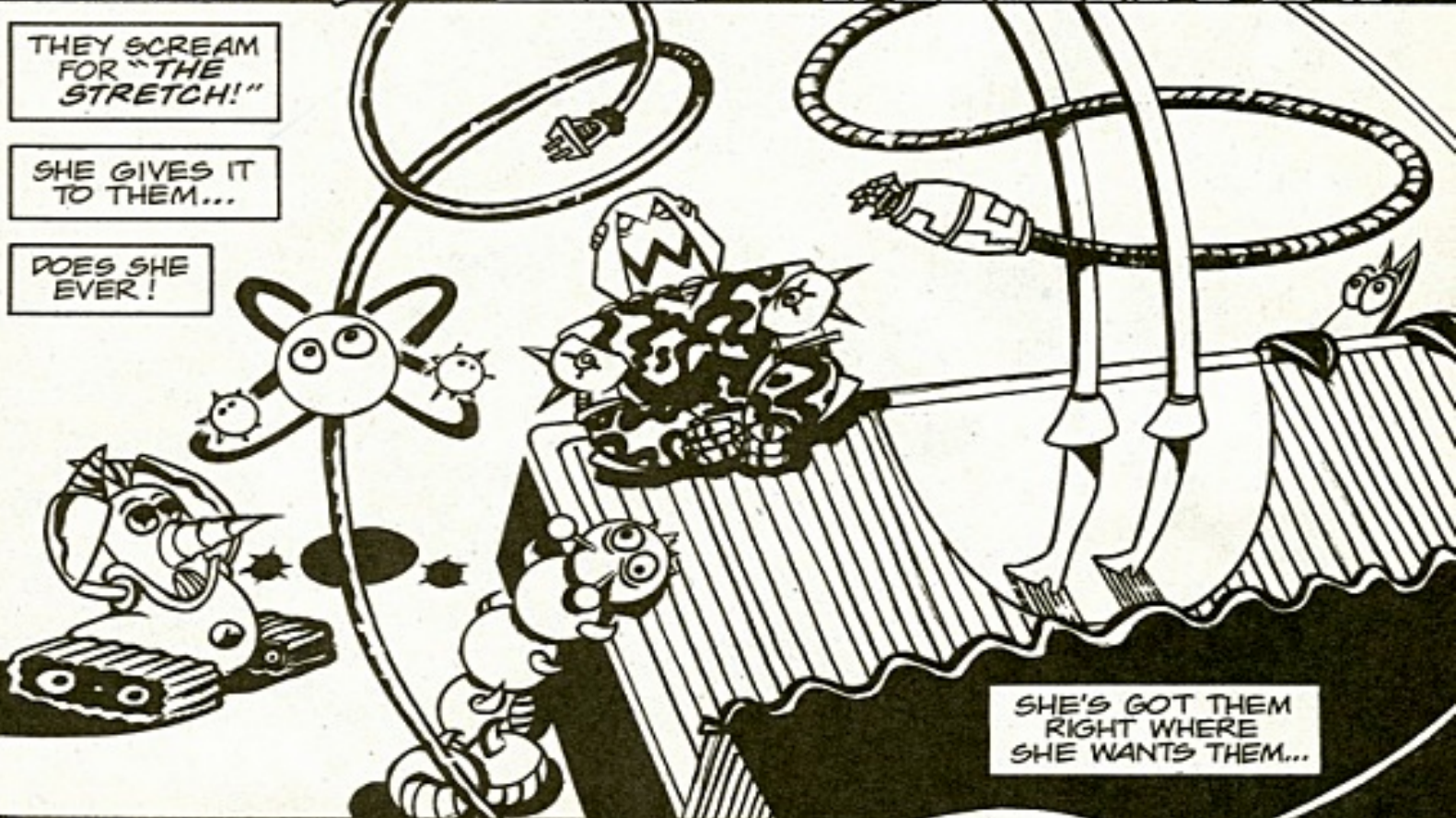
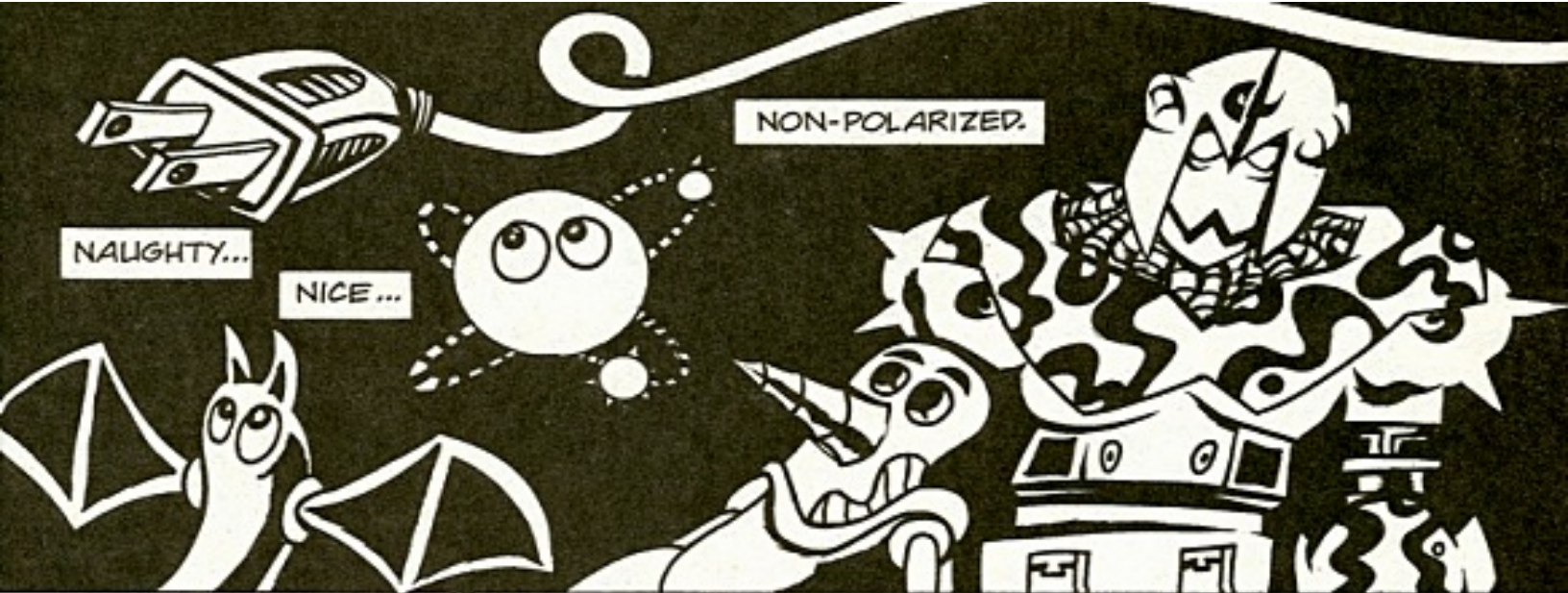


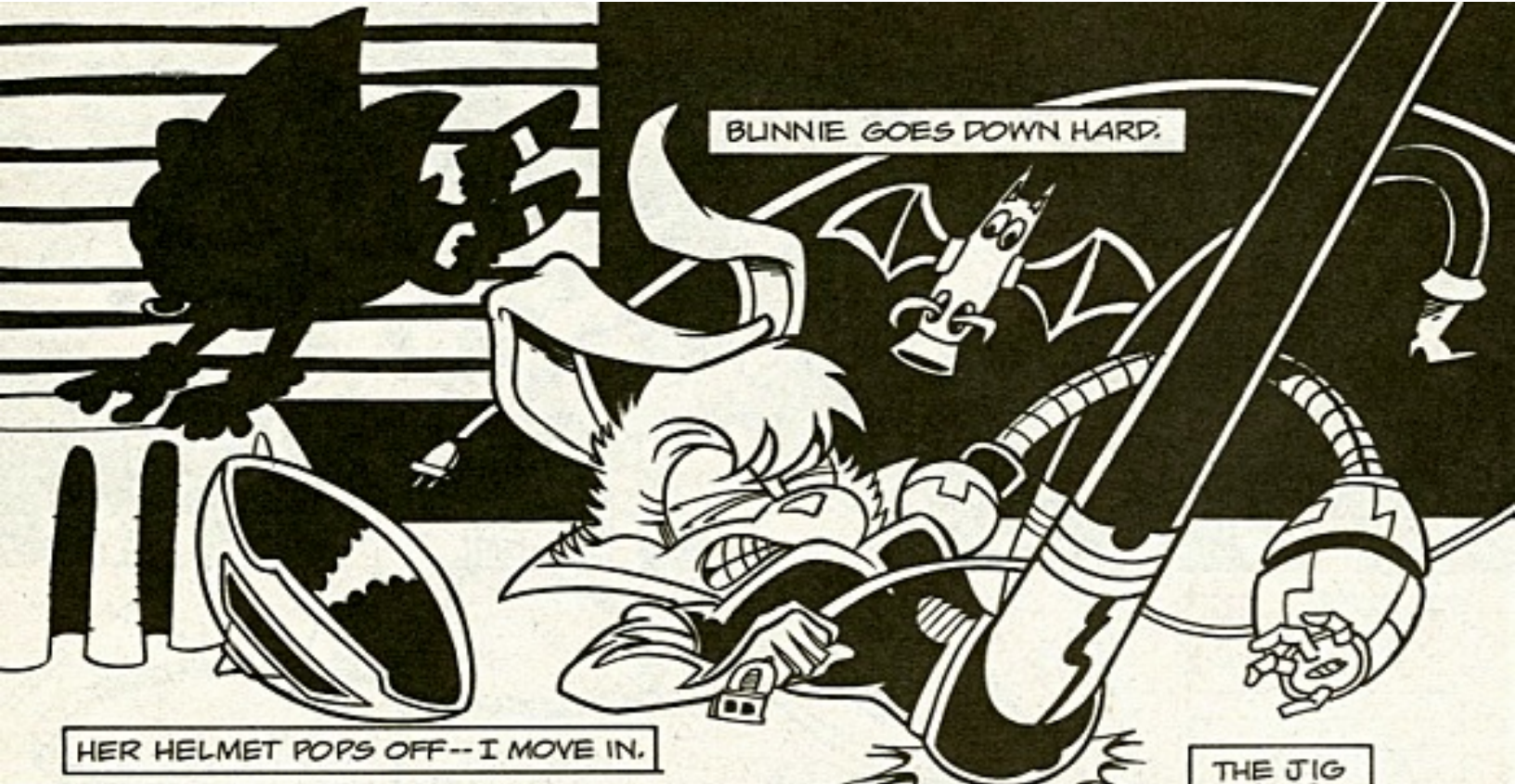
SHE SLINKS OUT...THE OLD
BOARDS GROAN IN HARMONY
WITH RUSTY'S CUSTOMERS.

SHE'S SLINGIN' A DOUBLE
PRONGED TWO-TWENTY CORD--



--WHILE HER MECHANICAL
ARM DANCES WITH
A LIFE OF ITS OWN.





HER HELMET POPS OFF-- I MOVE IN.

THE JIG IS UP.

NOTHING ELSE TO DO EXCEPT...



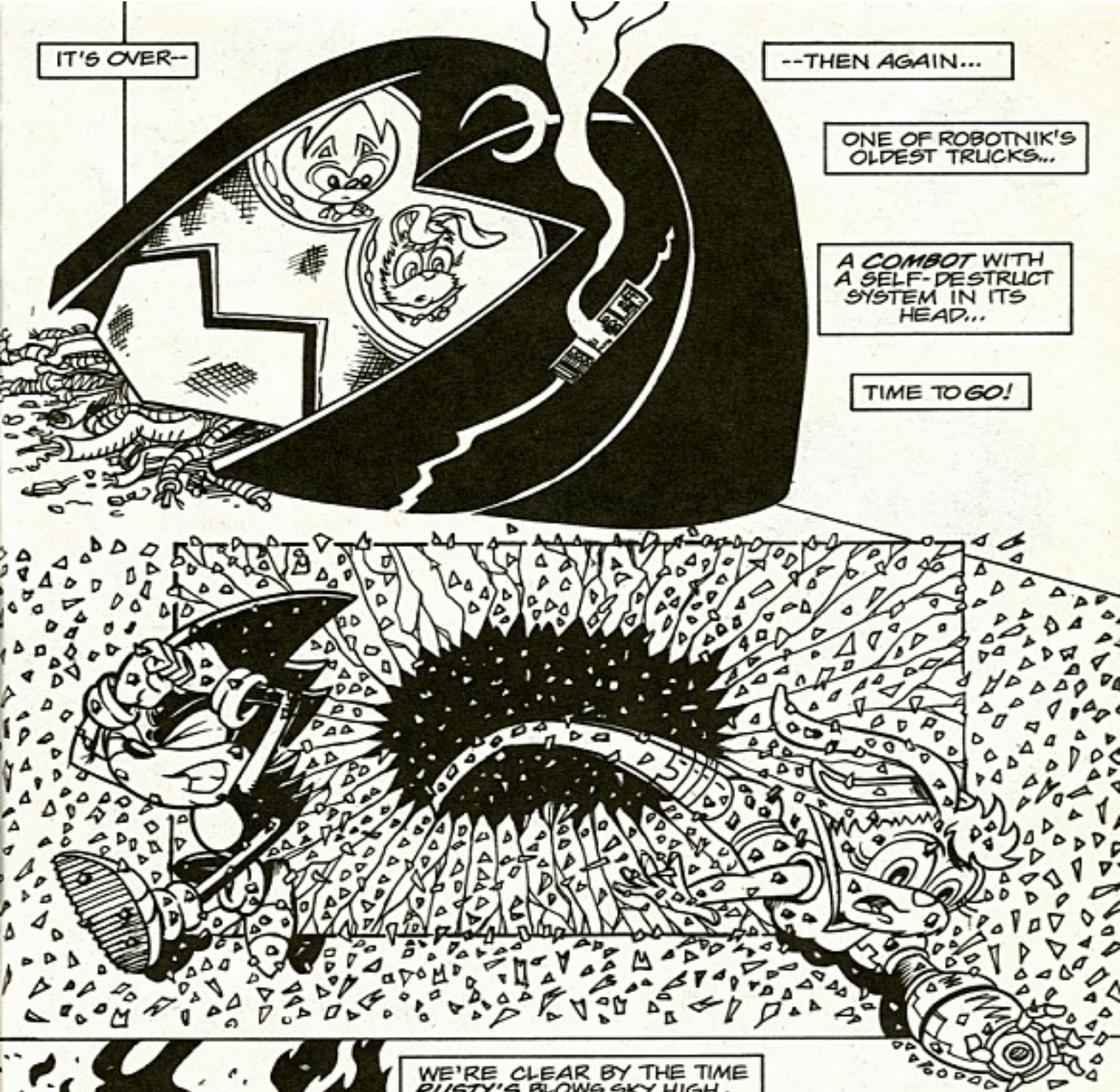
IT'S OVER--

--THEN AGAIN...

ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S
OLDEST TRUCKS...

A COMBOT WITH
A SELF-DESTRUCT
SYSTEM IN ITS
HEAD...

TIME TO GO!

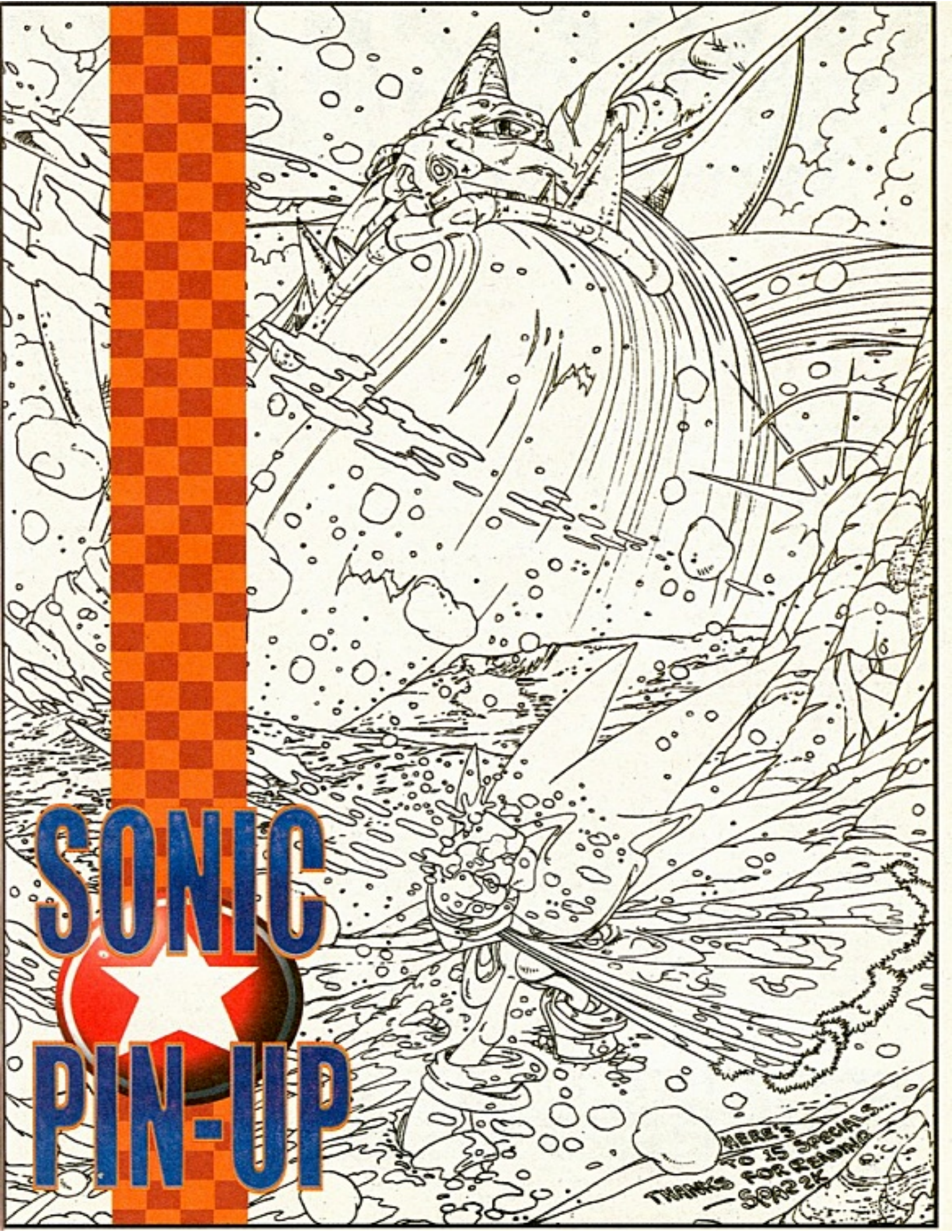


WE'RE CLEAR BY THE TIME
RUSTY'S BLOWS SKY HIGH.

LIKE I SAID,
IT WAS A
SET-UP.

ONLY THIS TIME, WE DID
THE SETTING UP!





SONIC PIN-UP

HERE'S
TO IS SPECIALS
THANKS FOR READING
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SONIC GRAMS SPECIAL



Here's what you fans thought of our last batch of SUPER SPECIALS:

Dear Sonic,

I just got your new "Sonic Adventure" game. I've got all of your games except "Sonic Jam" and "Sonic Extreme." My friend told me there were Sonic toys in stores, but I've yet to see any. Anyway, the first time I played "Sonic Adventure," I played from 8:00 am - 11:45 pm. One question: Are the Mystic Ruins part of the Floating Island? Well, write to ya soon.

Scott Ogden, (age 11), O'Fallon, IL

We hope you took a whole lot of breaks while playing "Sonic Adventure," Scott! Sixteen hours is a really long time to engage in any activity! The Mystic Ruins are not part of the Floating Island, instead they are located several miles outside of Station Square.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I've been a fan since SONIC #0, and think your comics have improved with every issue. I recently finished playing "Sonic Adventure" on the SEGA Dreamcast, and I think you are doing a great adaptation of it. Adding in the age-old war between the Echidna and cat races was genius. I disagree with Tamara Lucas' comments in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13's Sonic-Grams. I say the more characters, the better! Also, since you've done so well with the story for the last seven years, I'm sure you'll continue doing so. Now, a few questions: 1) Why aren't you going to complete the E-102 and Amy Rose stories? I

think they tied together quite well in the game. 2) In Sonic Underground, why does Sonic appear as a prince with two siblings who are in a rock band? Before I go, tell Spaz and FRY to keep up the fantastic work! Barry Harmon, Minneapolis, MN

1) Sorry about that, Barry, but we plain old ran out of space! 2) Sonic Underground occurs in an alternate zone reality, hence the difference in the status quo...

Dear Sonic, Knuckles, & Tails...

I just read SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13!!! I have to say that it was the best comic I ever read, out of any comic ever produced by your artists and writers! I've been your fan for the past three and a half years. I've got some questions: 1) Is Chaos going to return? 2) Where did Chaos come from? 3) What was that spark circling Knuckles' head?

Krzysztof B., (age 14), CANADA

1) It doesn't seem too likely, Krzysztof! 2) Chaos was a native of the environment around the Mystic Ruins. 3) That spark circling Knuckles' head was the Echidna girl, Tical.

Dear Sonic Super Special,

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14 was great! It was Evil Sonic who deserved to be placed under arrest, and if Sonic had ended up in jail that would have been a huge mistake. I'm glad he got away. Besides, he's no fugitive. As for the wedding between Wyn and Lara-le, that was fine. As for Julie-su being trapped, I hate that. I can't wait to see what will happen next!

Kim Bratton, Citrus Heights, CA

Glad you enjoyed the last issue, Kim. Thanks for sharing your thoughts, and we promise

even more exciting adventures. This may be our farewell SUPER SPECIAL, but the fun will continue in the pages of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I love this comic! SUPER SPECIAL #14 was great, especially "Law of the Land!" Also, what are you waiting for? Give Knuckles his series back! Ever since you canceled it, the store where I buy my comics has gotten rid of it! It's driving me crazy! And give Tails his own series—he deserves it!

Paul Roberts, Lakin, KS

While there are no immediate plans to bring back the KNUCKLES series, we hope you've been keeping up with our ever-lovin' Echidna over in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

Dear Sonic,

I've been reading your comics for a while now and I have some questions: 1) When King Max goes to heaven (or whatever), will Sally become queen or will Elias become king? 2) Will there be more "Lupe and the Wolf Pack" adventures? I think they should have their own series!

Julia Plous, Chicago, IL

1) Though the King isn't going anywhere, that question will soon be answered in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #91, Julia. 2) A series featuring the Wolfpack? This doesn't seem likely to happen any time in the near future, since poor Lupe was roboticized back in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11!

Yo Sonic,

I have some questions for you: 1) Is Knuckles a good friend of yours? 2) Why? 3) Why do you like chili-dogs so much? I love your TV show, The Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog.

Marissa Skiba, (age 11), St. Clairsville, OH

1) Sonic and Knuckles began their relationship as reluctant allies, but now they are good buds! 2) Even though they had their differences, Sonic and

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Knuckles realized that they could only defeat Doctor Robotnik by working together. 3) Sonic loves childdogs because his Uncle Chuck operated his own childdog stand in Mobotropolis! Sonic was practically raised on a steady diet of 'em!

Dear Editor,

Bring back KNUCKLES!! I have a twelve-issue subscription to SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! If the KNUCKLES comic returns, I'll definitely get a subscription to that title, too! Please, I'm on my knees, begging you to bring back KNUCKLES!! And don't even think about canceling the SONIC titles!

R.J. James, (age 14), Naukati, AK

Thanks for the heartfelt letter, R.J.. Yours is one of many letters we receive demanding the return of Knux to a 22-page format! Keep the faith!

Dear Sonic,

Will you ever get rid of Robotnik, or will he be around forever? Also, will you and Sally ever get married for real? And if so, will you have any kids?

Elly Bauer, Citrus Heights, CA

This new version of Doctor Robotnik has been roboticized, Elly, so he doesn't age or get sick (unless he catches a computer virus). In other words, he's one tough customer and from the look of things, Sonic could be someday facing off against him in a retirement community! Only time will tell if Sonic and Sally ever tie the knot...

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Hey! The "Sonic Adventure" adaptation was okay! Questions: 1) What the heck happened to Nack the Weasel? 2) How about making Knuckles and Sally an item, since I hate him being with Julie-su?

Andrew "Nackman" Skiles, Kearny, AZ

1) Nack was last seen skyjacking Sonic's bi-plane in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #70 along with some other no-goodniks, "Nackman!" 2) Does Sonic get any say in the matter?

Dear Sonic,

I have three questions and one comment: 1) How old are you? 2) Are you going to marry Sally? 3) How old is your Uncle Chuck? You are so cute—I want to someday marry you!

Morgan Williams, Springfield, IL

1) Sonic is sixteen years old, Morgan! 2) Sonic says he doesn't know if he'll marry Sally. He's too young to think about it right now. 3) Uncle Chuck is, well...older than Sonic's father, but younger than Nate Morgan! How's that?

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I missed out on a lot of SONIC issues, but now I'm collecting the "Sonic Adventure" adaptation and they're even better! I understand that KNUCKLES didn't sell as well as SONIC, but I'm still disappointed to see it canceled. I hope you guys bring him back into action real soon because I missed all his issues! I beat "Sonic Adventure" and got to play all the secret characters. Now it's not a challenge anymore and I'm waiting for "Sonic Adventure 2." I've got some questions for you now: 1) Are Bunnie and Antoine in love? 2) Why aren't the Freedom Fighters and the Chaotix in the "Sonic Adventure" game? 3) Does Julie-su go out with Knuckles? Goodbye!

Clifford Johnson, Miami, FL

1) Bunnie and Antoine are indeed in love, Clifford! 2) Sonic's Freedom Fighters and Knuckles' Chaotix aren't a part of the "Sonic Adventure" game because they were created to be featured in the comic books specifically. 3) Julie-su and Knuckles have gone out on one date, but are they going out...? Good question. Stay tuned.

Dear Sonic,

In SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14 I think the backgrounds were drawn and colored extremely well. I have a couple of questions: 1) Who was the dog guy who looks like Arnold Schwarzenegger? 2) I want to be a SONIC artist someday. How do I do this? Ben Sackenheim, Fairfield, OH

1) That was General von Stryker, Ben! 2) We suggest a lot of practice drawing, plus some cartooning classes when you're a bit older!

Hey Dudes,

I don't mean to sound rude or anything, but what happened to Lupe really concerned me. It hit hard when I saw that she was roboticized. Please don't leave her that way—she was one of my favorite characters. Here's hoping that she'll be brought back soon. Nick Hardin, St. Mary's, GA

No one misses Lupe more than her friends in the Wolf Pack, Nick. Lupe, like many others—including Sonic's Uncle Chuck—are now completely under Robotnik's sway.

Our job is to keep hoping that someday they'll be themselves once more.

OTHER SONIC COMICS



**SONIC
THE
HEDGE-
HOG
#91**

*is blazing
hot and on
sale now!*

Doctor Robotnik... the winner?! The evil genius has stolen the mystical Sword of Acorns from Sonic, and now it belongs to him! Or does it? And, as if our true-blue hero didn't have enough problems, he's about to be flame-broiled by two unidentified falling objects! Will Rotor the Walrus return home in time to save his hedgehog friend? Take our word for it, boys and girls... it's not to be missed! Written by Karl Bollers, pencilled by FRY and Ron Lim, with inks by Andrew Pepoy and Jim Amash! Also, what has Knuckles become? Everyone wants to know and they're hiring the "Big Guns" to find out! Written by Ken Penders with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund.

Well, that's it, gang! This is our final installment of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL. Thanks to all you cool fans who sent in countless letters over the years!

Hasta la vista

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